

REMARKS

Claims 10, 18 and 20 have been amended to correct informal errors in translation.

In response to the restriction requirement dated September 12, 2008, Applicant hereby elects the embodiment according to Group 1-Fig. 2a with traverse. Claims 10 to 25 encompass the elected embodiment.

The election is made with traverse because each of the claims 10 to 25 is generic and cover the guiding system as shown in Figs. 2a, 2b and 2c. Claims 10 and 18, the only independent claims, include identical criteria of “a spring element being fastened to the rolling element housing, the spring element loading one of the first roller and the second roller as well as the third roller against the runner rail...” (emphasis added). In each of the three embodiments, a spring element 9, 109, 209, respectively, is fastened to the housing and loads two rollers 3, 4.

In Fig. 2a, the spring element is fastened directly to the housing, whereas in Figs. 2b and 2c, the spring element is fastened indirectly to the housing via a pin 111, 211, respectively. Thus claims 10 and 18 cover all three embodiments since the claims do not specify how the spring element is fastened to the housing.

Since all of the claims are generic, the restriction requirement is improper since there are no “independent and distinct” inventions claimed. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement.

If any additional fees are deemed to be due at this time, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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